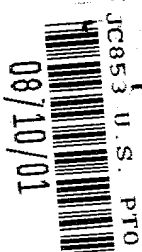


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Re: Patent Application of  
Curtis Stokkeland  
Hook Attachment Device

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Title

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